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Physicians throughout the country are taking new interest in the controversy over benzoate of soda since the report of the Remsen board was made public. Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, made an elaborate series of experiments with benzoate of soda and reached the conclusion that each minute quantities used to preserve foods were detrimental to health. The Remsen board, which made a subsequent investigation, failed to find conclusively that benzoate of soda mixed with food was deleterious to health, although some symptoms were noticed that were not thoroughly understood. On the strength of the Remsen board's report the pure food commission gave the food manufacturers permission to use benzoate of soda in unlimited quantities. Physicians in general are not prepared to accept the Remsen report as the final word on the subject. They hold to the opinion that while small doses of the drug may possibly not be especially injurious to healthy young men there is no doubt that similar doses are likely to effect invalids and children to a considerable extent. They also believe that while there might not be enough in any one food to do great harm, the danger is gravely increased by the number of foods in which benzoate of soda can now be employed. It has already been used successfully as an embalming agent in ketchup, soups, preserves, apple butter, soda-water, syrups, jellies, etc. and it is believed that it will replace boracic acid in the embalming of roast beef, sausages, both green and smoked, potted tongue, ham and chicken, hamburger steak, etc. Experiments are being made to determine its availability to replace formaldehyde in milk and dairy products. The use of formaldehyde and boracic acid having been prohibited by law while that of benzoate of soda is sanctioned those manufacturers who formerly used the other chemicals are turning toward sodium benzoate.

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#### FISHING NOTES FROM VARIOUS PLACES.

One of the largest catches of mackerel ever taken at Galveston, Tex., was made recently by a party of railroad men, who fished from the pier. Owing to the bad weather and muddy water mackerel fishing at Galveston has not been very good this year.

Bluefish and weakfish are being found in large quantities in Barnegat Bay. Capt. Thomas Birdsall, of that place, created considerable excitement last Friday when he brought home a bluefish weighing 15 pounds and 8 ounces. He caught it just outside of Barnegat Inlet. It is the largest fish ever taken at that place by trolling at this season of the year.

John Neal, a railroad engineer, while sitting in the cab of his iron horse, bound from Beaufort, N. C., to Morehead City, N. C., a few days ago was visited by a fair-sized hogfish, which leaped in at the window. The unexpected visitor made the jump from the river while the engine was crossing a trestle bridge. Neal says the distance was at least 15 feet.

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

"Much ado about nothing" covers the story in relation to the alleged kidnapping at Rockland of the little fishing sloop St. Paul of this city. As previously reported owing to the queer actions of the captain at Rockland the city marshal of that city wired the owners here for instructions, and the crew were ordered to bring the vessel home, which they did, arriving here yesterday morning, with her cargo of salt fish on board.

Sch. Ella M. Doughty has been put in thorough repair here after her recent stranding on the Nova Scotia coast, and sailed Saturday on a trip to the Bay Chaleur.

Sch. River Ganges is the formidable name of a very small fishing craft that made harbor here Friday.

Sch. Robert and Carr arrived Saturday with a fare of over 100 barrels of salt shad, which were taken off Seguin. This is the second lot of shad the schooner has landed within a week, she having been in a few days ago with 50 barrels which she took off Cundy Harbor. Sch. Robert and Carr has made a good stock this season, having taken quite a lot of mackerel earlier in the spring, which were sold at Boston.

The little fishing schooner Rose came in late Saturday afternoon with her foremast broken.

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## IDEAL MARKET AT BOSTON.

### Fish in Variety and Price and Demand Good.

With 20 trips of various kinds of fish at T wharf, Boston, today, each kind shows an advance in price over yesterday's good market, making an ideal market day both in price, demand and supply.

Three seiners are in with good supplies of fresh bullseyes, two of them also having salt ones. Two swordfishermen are in with fine fares and most of the 15 ground fish trips are good ones, especially considering the price paid.

Six of the Provincetowners came along yesterday afternoon with good catches of codfish.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, which was in yesterday afternoon with 7000 large fresh mackerel, got 26 cents each for his fish and made a good paying trip.

Haddock touched the \$5 mark, with cod not far behind. Swordfish jumped to 12 cents per pound and fresh bullseyes rose to 2 cents per pound. The first sale of salt bullseyes yesterday was at \$6.50 per barrel.

The receipts in detail were as follows:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Tartar, 200 bbls. fresh bullseye mackerel, 50 bbls. salt bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 2000 cod, 300 halibut.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 30,000 fresh bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Stranger, 52 swordfish.

Sch. Dorcas, 56 swordfish.

Sch. Oliver F. Hutchins, 12,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Harvester, 2000 haddock, 27,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 9000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 1000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 300 halibut.

Sch. Monarch, 200 bbls. fresh bullseye mackerel, 50 bbls. salt bullseye mackerel.

Sch. Annie Perry, 2000 haddock, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 1000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 7000 haddock, 28,000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 30,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; markets, \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.50; fresh bullseye mackerel 2 cts. per lb.; swordfish 12 cts. per lb.

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## RECEIPTS LIGHT AT THIS PORT.

### Sch. Flirt Brings 215,000 Lbs. Cod From Quero.

Fish receipts have been light here since last report. Sch. Flirt, from dory handlining, has the only fare of note, outside of the fresh mackerel landed by sch. Priscilla Smith yesterday afternoon.

Sch. Flirt struck fine fishing on the last end of her trip, and hails for 215,000 pounds of salt cod. Sch. Senator Saulsbury has a broken Georges salt cod trip, and steamer Bryda F. brought in 75 barrels of fresh porgies. The gasolener Independence, II., had a nice haul yesterday afternoon, 25,000 pounds of fresh pollock, and Capt. William Marchant's gasoliner brought in 15,000 pounds of fresh pollock and haddock mixed. Both these latter land-

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ed their fares at the Fort, and their crews made a fine day's work.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

#### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Rips, 3000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Flirt, Quero Bank, dory handlining, 215,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges, 4000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Marchant, shore, 15,000 lbs. fresh pollock and haddock.

Steamer Independence II., shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Steamer Bryda F., shore, 80 bbls. porgies.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Massasoit, swordfishing.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, swordfishing.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, swordfishing.

Sch. Jennie A. Gilbert, swordfishing.

Sch. Georgia, seining.

Sch. Arabia, seining.

Sch. Aloha, seining.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.

Sch. Julietta, swordfishing.

U. S. Fish Commission sch. Grampus, mackerel research cruise.

Sch. Kineo, halibuting.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, dory haddocking.

Sch. M. Mameleine, swordfishing.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, south seining.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2, market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.

Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.

Bank halibut, 8c per pound for white and 6c for grey.

Fresh large mackerel, 24 cents each.

Salt "bullseye" mackerel, \$6.50 per bbl.

#### Board of Trade prices:

Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.

Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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### BOSTON GLUTTED WITH BULLSEYES.

SOME OF THE FISH WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE THROWN OVERBOARD.

A PORTION OF THE CATCH SOLD TO STREET PEDDLARS.

This is another "bullseye" day in the mackerel line, for since last report no less than six of the seiners have arrived at Boston with big fares of them, both fresh and salt. Some sold yesterday for two cents per pound, some went to the canners, some to the freezer, some were disposed of for \$1 per barrel, and then they were not all gone. Then on top of yesterday's lot come four more trips this morning.

It looks as though some of them would surely have to be dumped overboard. This morning's arrivals opened up their catches at \$2 and \$2.25 per barrel, hoping to get rid of them as soon as possible, but the chances are they will have some left. One craft, sch. Fanny E. Prescott, was peddling her catch out to the peddlars at one



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cent per fish, which would be \$3 per barrel, the fish going about 300 count to the iced barrel.

The arrivals included the following crafts:

Sch. Squanto, 50,000 fresh and 10 barrels salt bullseyes.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 60,000 fresh and 65 barrels salt bullseyes.

Sch. Avalon, 100 barrels fresh and 53 barrels salt bullseyes.

Sch. Fanny E. Prescott, 75 barrels fresh and 63 barrels salt bullseyes.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 80,000 fresh bullseyes.

Sch. Saladin, 90,000 fresh and 99 barrels salt bullseyes.

Besides these bullseye fares, sch. Nellie Dixon, Capt. James Ellis, is at T wharf, Boston, from the Rips, with 5000 large fresh mackerel, selling at 27 cents each, and sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, is at this port with 2000 large fresh mackerel from the Rips, which will bring 25 or 26 cents each. The Harty's fare is the catch of two crafts, a small haul by sch. Esperanto being included in what the former brought in.

The Squanto yesterday afternoon tried to clean up her fresh bullseyes at one dollar per barrel and had not succeeded when business closed for the day.

Schs. Avalon, Prescott, Nelson and Saladin are working on today's market.

#### Boston Glutted with Bullseyes.

There are plenty of fresh bullseye mackerel to be had, but the market does not want them. Tuesday there were several vessels with the bullseyes, and they sold what were in barrels at a fair price. Yesterday morning there were three more of the large seiners at T wharf with these small fish when the market opened and another came in just before 10 o'clock.

The seiners all had large quantities. The dealers had bought about all they wanted of the bullseyes Tuesday and had not got rid of them as quickly as they expected, and some of them had a large number of barrels of the fish still in their coolers.

The offers made for the fish yesterday morning were so small that the captains of the seiners would not take them, especially as they were accompanied with a demand for a guarantee that the fish were all in good condition. Sch. Monarch took her fish at once over to East Boston to be sold to the canners, and the others will probably take theirs to similar establishments. All the fish were not taken out, and the crew, who came home last night, went back to Boston this morning excepting to throw the rest overboard. One of the vessels sold part of her catch to the street vendors, who saw a chance for good money for themselves in the fish, which are fresh and good looking.

Sales of salt bullseyes were reported at Boston yesterday at \$6.50 per barrel and the salt ones of sch. Tartar sold to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. at the same figure, the vessel coming here to land them.

Most of the fresh bullseyes, as far as can be learned, were taken on the southern part of Georges, 120 miles from Highland light. The salt ones are reported to go from 500 to 600 count to the salted barrel and from the present state of the market not many will be taken at the \$6.50 figure.

#### Fresh Mackerel Trip Put in Freezer.

The fresh mackerel brought in by sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, were bought by the Rockport freezer, and the schooner went there last night to take out and will come here today with her salt mackerel.

Some small lots of Nova Scotia salt mackerel sold in Boston recently at \$10 per barrel.

The Halifax Maritime Merchant says:

"So far as we can learn nearly, or practically all, of the Nova Scotia catch this spring was sold fresh to the dealers, and either put in cold storage or shipped in ice to Boston and other markets. The Boston market went off at the first of last week, owing to large arrivals at that port by American vessels; since that time, therefore, our shipments to Boston have very considerably declined; in fact, there were few, if any, shipped last week. A guess at the total pack of salt mackerel in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton this spring would be that it will fall short of last year, but will still, we think, be about up to the average of the past five years."

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#### Newburyport Fish Arrivals.

Fish arrivals Tuesday at Newburyport were the largest for several weeks. Nestor Thurlow brought in 13,000 pounds; "Taylor" Short, 6000; Hunt Brothers, 4000; "Jonah" Short, 1500 pounds large pollock.

A Hampton fisherman came in with between 600 and 800 pounds.

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## RECORD PRICE FOR HADDOCK.

### Market Cod Bringing More Than Large in Boston.

T wharf, Boston, is overrun with fresh bullseye mackerel this morning, but the dealers got their heads above them far enough to pay a fancy figure for swordfish and market cod, and a record figure for this time of the season for haddock. The peculiar spectacle of market cod bringing much more than large cod is an unusual occurrence.

Haddock at \$7 per cwt. in July is a novelty and a most welcome one to the fishermen.

Seven of the ground fish fleet are in, "half" of them Provincetown with good cod catches. Sch. Leo with 9000 haddock will strike it rich. Sch. William A. Morse with 52,000 pounds, is high boat.

Sch. Valentinna, Capt. Charles O'Neil, has made a hurry-up swordfish trip, and has a big catch, 66 fish, getting 15 cents per pound for them, which means a \$100 check or better, for her crew. She is the first swordfisher to make two trips this season.

Since last report, six of the seining fleet have come to T wharf loaded with fresh bullseye mackerel, which are selling at a low figure, with the probability that some will have to be thrown away. Sch. Nellie Dixon has a star fare, 5000 large fresh mackerel.

Among the swordfish of sch. Stranger at T wharf yesterday were also two porpoises which had been caught on the trip. They were sold for exhibition, and the buyers will dispose of them to the oil companies after they have shown them long enough.

The swordfishermen, who were in Tuesday, made good stocks and went out again with well-pleased crews. Sch. Annie and Jennie, on which there were 60 large and two small fish, stocked \$1100, which will give each of her crew about \$100 for a share. Sch. Ida Silva, which had 39 fish, stocked enough to give her men each \$38 as a share.

The Halifax dealers are still sending small quantities of live lobsters by steamer, and yesterday morning the steamer from there brought in 100 crates of lobsters. There were also a few barrels of mackerel on the steamer and some salmon, and on the Yarmouth steamer there were nine barrels of mackerel and some salmon. There is a large quantity of salmon coming here and the advices have been received that 58 boxes are on the way by boat and rail.

The ground fishermen were jubilant over a big increase in prices for their fish. Last week the prices fell off so much that none of the vessels made any money. Yesterday the prices were away above last week's, and some of the vessels with only a few thousands pounds of fish made more than they did last week with five times that quantity.

The arrivals in detail are as follows:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 7000 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Elthier, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Leo, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Avalon, 100 barrels fresh bullseyes and 53 barrels salt bullseyes.

Sch. Saladin, 90,000 fresh bullseyes and 90 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 80,000 fresh bullseyes.

Sch. Valentinna, 66 swordfish.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 1000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 1000 hake, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 75,000 fresh bullseyes and 63 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Wm. A. Morse, 3500 haddock, 30,000 cod, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 60,000 fresh bullseyes and 65 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 1500 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 3500 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Squanto, 50,000 fresh bullseyes and 10 bbls. salt bullseyes.

Haddock, \$6 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$3.50 to \$4; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, \$2 to \$2.25; swordfish, 15 cts. per lb. fresh bullseyes, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.

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## DID WELL ON FIRST BAITING.

### Three of Gorton-Pew Fleet Reported at St. Pierre.

Good news was received last evening from a part of the salt trawl bank codfishing fleet, showing that they did well on their first caplin baiting and were in for another. The outlook for a good salt codfish season is considered bright.

A cable to Benjamin A. Smith of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. last night, from St. Pierre, Miquelon, stated that three of the company's fleet of salt trawl bankers had just arrived there yesterday, after using their first caplin baiting and had done finely, each craft getting 75,000 pounds of cod on the baiting. They were taking another baiting and would sail immediately for the fishing ground.

Only a short time ago, five of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.'s fleet of salt bankers, schs. Athlete, Senator Gardner, John R. Bradley, Orinoco and Smuggler, were at St. Pierre and baited together, being the first vessels to get caplin. They sailed together for the fishing grounds and now three of them are back at St. Pierre on the same day for another bait supply. The news is most encouraging for a good codfish season, as it shows that the fish are on the grounds.

Some of the recently returning dory handliners also report fine fishing to the westward of the eastern shoal water of Quero and also that some squid had made their appearance.

#### Nova Scotia Fishing Movements.

July 6.—Yarmouth—Traps report about 30 barrels mackerel since the 2d; cod and haddock fair.

Sand Point—Cod fair.

Port La Tour—Cod fair.

Liverpool—Cod, haddock, halibut and herring fair.

Musquodoboit—Cod and haddock fair; herring scarce.

Salmon River—Salmon plenty; trout fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Cod, halibut, herring and salmon fair.

West Arichat—Few cod reported.

Arichat—Few herring going.

L'Ardoise—Haddock and herring fair.

Margaree—Cod and haddock fair.

Port Hood—Haddock fair.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Gertrude and Mooween, the latter with a broken bowsprit, were at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday. Sch. Agnes was also there taking bait and sch. Grace Darling for ice.

Schs. Elizabeth F. Nunan and Lizzie May and sloop Helen D. Lane were at Portland on Tuesday.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, one of the fresh halibut fleet, put in at Liverpool, N. S., Monday with her bowsprit broken.

Schs. Gertrude, Agnes and Grace Darling were at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday.

#### Landed Fish at Portland.

Sch. Selma was at Portland yesterday, and landed 14,000 pounds of halibut, selling for 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray. She also landed 15,000 pounds of fresh fish there.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock was at Portland yesterday and landed 7000 pounds of halibut. She also had 12,000 pounds of salt cod on board, which she will bring here.

Sch. Ella G. King, at Portland recently, landed 1000 pounds of halibut and had 16,000 pounds of salt cod on board.



# CONTINUED LIGHT RECEIPTS

## Four Arrivals With Varied Assortment of Fish.

Receipts of fish at this port continue light. One shacker is here from Boston with hake to split, while a seiner brought some salt bullseyes. Sch. Selma of the halibut fleet is here from Portland, where she landed her halibut, with some salt fish.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, came in here this morning, from the Rips, with 2000 large fresh mackerel, the fare representing the combined catch of that craft and sch. Esperanto, the latter sending hers in by the former.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Tartar, via Boston, 60 bbls. salt bullseye mackerel.  
Sch. Metamora, via Boston, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Selma, via Portland, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Harty, Rips, 2000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. John M. Keen, North Bay, hooking and seining mackerel trip.  
Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.  
Sch. Pauline, Rips.  
Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Georges halibuting.  
Sch. Susan and Mary, salt shacking.  
Sch. Little Fannie, seining.  
Sch. Reliance, seining.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.  
Sch. Annie M. Parker, dory handlining.  
Sch. Fish Hawk, Georges.

### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Cape North fresh cod, large, \$1.55; mediums, \$1.40.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large \$2. market \$1.65; haddock 65c and 67½c.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.30 per cwt. for large; \$3.10 for mediums.

Outside sales trawl bank salt cod, large, \$2.87½; mediums, \$2.62½; snappers, \$1.50.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.12½ per cwt. for large and \$2.87½ for medium.

Bank halibut, 8c per pound for white and 6c for grey.

Fresh large mackerel, 24 cents each.

Salt "bullseye" mackerel, \$6.50 per bbl.

### Board of Trade prices:

Large Western cod, \$2 per cwt.; markets, \$1.65.

Large Eastern cod, \$1.70 per cwt., market, \$1.50.

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.40 per cwt.; medium do., \$3.

Large "halibut" cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.70 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.87 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$2.62 1-2; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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### French Fishermen Forcibly Taking Bait.

Report from the Grand Banks in the Newfoundland papers, are that some of the French schooners there, which are without bait, are boarding other vessels, notably Newfoundland and Canadian crafts, and forcibly taking bait from them.

Their practice, if the report be true, to watch until the crews leave the vessels in their dories to haul their trawls, and then go to the vessels, overawe the skipper and the cook, who are the only ones aboard, and terrorized these so that they do not resist them but allow them to remove what bait they require. In one or two instances, however, they have met resistance and been driven off the vessels they tried to plunder.

## BULLSEYES AND LARGE MACKEREL.

Several Vessels Here and at Boston With Good catches.

Large Fish Showing on the Rips as They Did Last Year.

There is a little glimmer of light in the present dark mackerel situation today, caused by the arrival at Boston of four of the mackerel fleet with fares of large fish and one at this port with a similar fare. The vessels got their fares on the Rips and one of them is certainly a large catch, as catches have been running.

The fortunate crafts evidently got their fares at about the same time, as they all piled in together. Their catches bear out the report of mackerel in small schools showing on the Rips, and it looks as though last year's movements of the fish, when they all seemed to concentrate on the Rips, is to be repeated.

The vessels and their fares at Boston are as follows:

Sch. Cynthia, 3300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Arcadia, 6000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Shenandoah, 4000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Terra Nova, 10,000 large fresh mackerel.

In addition sch. Dauntless came in here last night with 5000 large fresh mackerel and 100 barrels of salt bullseyes on the side and went to Boston this morning with them.

At Boston, beside the seiners with the big fish, is sch. Diana with 57,000 fresh bullseyes and a number of barrels of the salt ones.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, arrived from a mackerel seining trip yesterday. Capt. Morgan is ill and sought medical attendance soon after the craft got to the wharf. The complaint is nothing of a serious nature, but the captain may have to take a little sojourn ashore before going to sea again.

### Salt Bullseyes Sold at \$6.50 per Barrel.

The salt bullseyes of sch. Avalon sold at Boston yesterday to L. Pickert Co., and those of sch. Saladin to L. A. Treat, each at \$6.50 per barrel. The salt ones of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley sold here this morning for a lump sum to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., the figure being in the neighborhood of \$6.00 per barrel.

Some of the vessels at T wharf yesterday had hard work to clean up their fresh bullseyes, and some of them, at the end, opened their hatches and let the boys carry off what were left.

This morning, sch. Diana, which is there with 57,000 fresh bullseyes in count, is getting \$1.50 per barrel for them.

The incoming seiners report a dry look at present out around the South Shoal lightship and on Georges, it being especially dry on the latter ground. There are some fish on the Rips, most of them in small schools, but some good sized schools among them.

The large fresh mackerel at Boston this morning are bringing a fine price, 22½ cents each, which will pay the vessels well for bringing them in.

### Purchasers Say They Make Good Eating.

The captains of the seiners at T wharf yesterday with bullseyes were disappointed to find the market dull, although those who came in found prices better than Wednesday and the dealers more willing to buy.

The captains had put up their fish in barrels well iced and watered and some of them sold the fish just as they were barreled.

Those who have tried the fish say they are as good for the table as mackerel, and some fishermen claim they are fatter and more tasty than mackerel. The retailers who bought them yesterday were back again for more this morning, and they say the fish have given good satisfaction, and being cheap have a ready sale.

Besides these fish the market had yesterday six barrels of mackerel from the provinces by the Yarmouth steamer, and as many came up from the traps at Cape Cod.

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### Lunenburg, N. S., Fishing Notes.

Sch. Montana, after unloading 8000 pounds of halibut at Halifax, arrived here Sunday night. She is now on the marine railway for repairs.

## The Foreign Salt Fish Market.

Speaking of the salt fish market the Fishing Gazette's Halifax, N. S., correspondent says:

"From latest advices consumption has greatly improved in several of the leading European markets, with smaller supplies in sight than for several seasons at the corresponding period. Large quantities of low-grade Norwegian have affected prices at Oporto, but the demand for prime quality, especially in small fish, is brisk, barely two weeks' requirements being in stock there a fortnight ago. The Iceland and Finmark catch has been large, and should be reckoned with in estimating future values.

"No special features of change are reported in tropical markets on this side of the Atlantic. Two or three cargoes of Lunenburg Bank have arrived recently, bringing somewhere in the vicinity of \$3.80 to \$3.90 per quintal.

"In well-informed local fishery circles it is believed that quotations on or about this basis will be maintained, in view of the bare holdings both here and in Newfoundland."

The St. John's N. F., Trade Review says: "There is no change in the price of salt cod to report since last week; small lots are coming into some of the merchants to go to the credit of account, and it is being accepted rather by private deal between merchant and man, than with any view to a standard market price. The quantities in every case are small, for, as a matter of fact, the last of the old voyage has now practically been disposed of. There is no figure yet arranged for new fish, but there is a feeling that prime merchantable will fetch \$5, unless the catch is abnormal."

A decidedly easy tone says the Fishing Gazette, characterizes the salt fish market; but of course this is the season of the year when such a condition may be said to be normal. Regular arrivals, in comparatively small lots of Scotch matjes herring, and also of Irish mackerel, impart some activity to trade. The matjes have in many cases been sold ex dock readily at fairly satisfactory prices.

The Irish mackerel fishing is now reported as fair, and more curing is done; but the low prices tend to limit operations.

Norway mackerel are rather firmer and in better demand, and stocks are comparatively small, according to Strohmeier & Arpe.

Norway and Iceland herring are out of the market for the present. New goods cannot be expected here before the beginning of September.

The position of the Oporto market has greatly improved, the consumption having been very large, and there is now no small fish remaining. Prices for low qualities continue poor, owing to the large quantities of cheap Norwegian. There is barely a fortnight's consumption in hand.

The Iceland and French bank fisheries are good, and must be reckoned with in estimating the value of the coming Labrador voyage.

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### CAUGHT A BIG WHALE.

Biggest Seen Off the Atlantic Coast Harpooned on Tuesday.

Amagansett has been equalled, if not outdone. The biggest whale ever seen off the Atlantic coast if reports of its length are correct, was harpooned on Tuesday 100 miles southeast of Cape Henry and brought alongside the two-masted whaling schooner Margaret, hailing from Salem, Mass. The whale measured conservatively by Capt. Leslie of the steamship Curityba, not less than 100 feet. The Curityba flies the Cuban flag, and the skipper, Capt. Leslie, is a Briton, but never saw a whale hunt until he happened to sight the Margaret Tuesday morning while on the way to New York from Cuba. Just off the bow of the schooner, or to the windward, the sea was filled with geysers from a school of whales. Capt. Leslie says there were 50 or more.

The liner Sarnia, from West Indies, passed when within two days of Sandy Hook the halves of a big whale floating near each other. Sea gulls were feasting on the carcass. Capt. Meisseiner of the Sarnia thinks he cut the whale in two himself when bound out.